

**CHAPTER NO. 399**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1906**

**By Mr. Speaker Wilder**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1931**

**By Fitzhugh, Pleasant, Mr. Speaker Naifeh**

AN ACT To name a bridge in Fayette County in honor of the late Charlie and Laura Edenton.

WHEREAS, From time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, The late Charlie and Laura Edenton of Fayette County were renowned among their friends and neighbors as caring and hardworking people; and

WHEREAS, In 1905, the Edentons purchased a 365-acre farm that bordered Short Creek; this farmland is adjacent to a bridge that spans the creek; and

WHEREAS, The good people of Fayette County have petitioned this Body to name this bridge on State Route 196 as a lasting tribute to Charlie and Laura Edenton; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Short Creek on State Route 196 (Chulahoma Road) approximately two (2) miles south of such route's intersection with Raleigh-LaGrange Road in Fayette County is hereby designated as the "Charlie and Laura Edenton Memorial Bridge" in memory of these two remarkable human beings.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Charlie and Laura Edenton Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. (1) This act shall become operative only if Fayette County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such

signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Fayette County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Fayette County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Fayette County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Fayette County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.


SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 7, 2001**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR